Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, William Wordsworth said that "Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings . . . recollected in tranquility"; and,

WHEREAS, Edwin Arlington Robinson said that "Poetry is language that tells us, through a more or less emotional reaction, something that cannot be said"; and,

WHEREAS, William Hazlitt said that "Poetry is the music of language answering to the music of the mind"; and,

WHEREAS, H. L. Mencken said that "Poetry is a comforting piece of fiction set to more or less lascivious music"; and,

WHEREAS, Carl Sandbury said that "Poetry is a spot about half-way between where you listen and where you wonder what it was you heard"; and,

WHEREAS, It is meaningful for South Dakotans to reflect upon poetry as a discription of the invisible yet palpable thread between the unique and the universal; between the elemental and the enigmatic:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 1981, as

POETRY MONTH

In South Dakota, and I personally salute the efforts of the South Dakota State Poetry Society to make our state more beautiful for all rhymes and seasons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE